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SUBJECT: DAS DANIN AND DASD KIMMITT DISCUSS GAZA SMUGGLING
WITH ISA CHIEF DISKIN

Classified By: Ambassador Richard H. Jones for reasons 1.4 (b/d)

1. (S) SUMMARY: Deputy Assistant Secretary Rob Danin and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Mark Kimmitt met November 6 with Israel Security
----- Many Egyptian Promises, Few Results -----

2.(S) On November 6, DAS Danin and DASD Kimmit discussed a growing crisis in Israeli-Egyptian relations over smuggling across the Gaza border,

3.(S) Diskin noted that the Egyptians do act promptly when they receive tangible information on imminent terrorist attacks and seek out tunnel

4.(S) Diskin shared that sources among the smugglers have told the ISA that Egypt permits their activities as long as they do not result in terrorism
----- Smuggling of Explosives, People on Rise -----

5.(S) Diskin said the ISA estimates that thousands of AK 47s TEL AVIV 00003258 002 OF 003 have entered Gaza since the Hamas takeover, as we

6.(S) Even more serious, in Diskin's view, is the movement of well-trained personnel entering Gaza from Syria and Iran. Diskin noted that this
----- Looking for Relief from Congress -----

7.(S) Suleiman recently sent a delegation to Israel to ask the ISA for help in blocking Congressional efforts to link aid to Egypt with security
----- ISA Seeks Deeper Ties With Egyptian Intel -----

8.(S) The ISA believes that cooperation would be greatly improved by direct links to Egypt's "Administration for National Security Investigations"
----- More Troops Not the Solution -----

9.(S) Diskin said that Egyptian security personnel insist they do not have enough people to patrol the border area properly. The ISA rejects that

10.(S) According to Diskin, the tunnels themselves are virtually uncontrollable no matter how many troops are deployed. The Rafah families and

11.(U) DAS Danin and DASD Kimmitt cleared this cable.

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